



Memorandum

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Councilmember Kansen Chu
SUBJECT: Public Hearing on the Agency's FY 2009-10 Revised Capital and Operating Budgets
DATE: November 9, 2009

APPROVED:

DATE: 11/09/2009

RECOMMENDATION

Due to my absence during the November 9, 2009 Redevelopment Agency Budget Study Session and the November 10, 2009 Redevelopment Agency Public Hearing, I would like to ask my colleagues at this time for their support for the following recommendations:

1. Approve the Redevelopment Agency Board to create a budget review process to analyze the revised Redevelopment Agency budget, evaluate the lowest priority proposed expenditure, take detailed public input, and consider re-allocating funds.
2. Appoint a temporary Redevelopment Agency Board subcommittee to review re-allocation of funds where feasible to neighborhood projects, SNI services, affordable housing, support for the General Fund, and other purposes identified by the public.
3. Direct Redevelopment Agency staff and City staff to provide support to the subcommittee as it performs its review.
4. Direct the subcommittee to report back to the full Redevelopment Agency Board with its recommendations at the December 8, 2009 meeting.

BACKGROUND

The Revised 2009-2010 Redevelopment Agency Operating and Capital Budget includes a large number of service reductions with serious impacts on the well-being of our residents.

Responding to the enormity of the State Budget impacts to the Redevelopment Agency's Budget requires much attention and I respectfully ask my colleagues to consider the creation of a Redevelopment Board Subcommittee to carefully evaluate and review re-allocating funds where feasible to continue to support neighborhood projects, SNI services, affordable housing, the General Fund, and other purposes identified by the public. The creation of a subcommittee will also serve as an additional process to allow for more community input as we go through this budget process.

While we continue to face tough economic times, I believe that it is critical that we address and preserve services and continue working together to solve long-term budget issues. Our objective is to respond to the City's budget challenges in a fair and balanced manner. As a City Council and Redevelopment Agency Board, we are working for the well-being of the whole City and need to continue to serve our residents in the best way possible.